Numb. 2028

The London Gazette.

Published by Authority.

From Thursday April 23. to Monday April 27. 1685.

Whitehall, April 23.

THIS Day being the Festival of St. *George*, the Coronation of their Sacred Majesties King *JAMES* the Second and Queen *MARY*, was Performed at *Westminster* in manner following,

THeir Majesties being come from Whitehal *to the Palace at* Westminster *(where the Nobility and others who were to go into the Proceeding, were assembled) came down in State from the House of Lords in* Westminster-Hall, *about eleven of the Clock in the Morning, and being seated on the Throne there, the Sword of State, the Sword Curtana, and the two pointed Swords, together with the Gold Spurs, were presented to His Majesty, and laid on a Table before Him.*

Then the Dean and Prebends of Westminster, *having before brought the Crowns and other Regalia in Solemn Procession from the Collegiate Church there, came up the Hall, and presented them severally to His Majesty, which being likewise laid on the Table, were (together with the four Swords and Spurs) delivered to the Lords appointed to carry them in the Procession, which began in this manner,*

First, *Drums and Trumpets, then the six Clerks in Chancery, Chaplains having Dignities, Aldermen of* London, *and Masters in Chancery, four a-breast, (in which Order all the rest of the Proceeding went) then Sergeants at Law, and others of the long Robe, Esquires of the Body, Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber, Judges and Chief Justices.*

Then Children of the Kings Chapel, Choir of Westminster, *Gentlemen of the Chapel, Prebends and Dean of* Westminster, *Master of the Jewel House, and Privy Councellors not Peers.*

Next two Officers of Arms, then Baronesses, Barons, Bishops. Two other Officers of Arms; Vicountesses, Vicounts. Two Heralds of Arms; Countesses, Earls. Two Heralds more; a Marchioness. Heralds of Arms; Dutchesses, Dukes; Next the two Provincial Kings of Arms, Proceeding the Great Officers and Arch-Bishops. Then two Persons in Robes of State Representing the Dukes of Aquitain *and* Normandy.

Then the Queens Vice-Chamberlain and Lord Chamberlain, and three Noblemen carrying her Majesties Regalia; *viz. The Earl of* Dorset *the Ivory Rod, the Earl of* Rutland *the Scepter, and the Duke of* Beaufort *the Crown. Then the Queens Majesty, assisted by the Bishops of* London *and* Winchester, *under a rich Canopy supported by sixteen Barons of the Cinque-Ports; Her Majesties Train born by the Young Dutchess of* Norfolk, *assisted by four Earls Daughters, followed by two Ladies of the Bedchamber, and two Women of the Bedchamber.*

Then the Noblemen who bore the Kings Regalia, *viz. The Earl of* Ailsbury, *St.* Edwards *Staff, the Lord* de Grey *the Spurs, the Earl of* Peterborow *the Scepter with the Cross; Next the Earl of* Pembroke *the Third Sword, the Earl of* Derby *the Second Sword, and between them the Earl of* Shrewsbury *bearing* Curtana *or the Pointless Sword. Then* Garter *between the Gentlemen Usher of the Black Rod and the Lord Mayor of* London. *Then the Lord Great Chamberlain single. Then the Earl of* Oxford *bearing the Sword of State, between the Duke of* Grafton *Lord High Constable, and the Duke of* Norfolk *Lord Earl Marshal. Then the Duke of* Ormond *Lord High Steward, bearing St.* Edwards *Crown, between the Duke of* Somerset *bearing the Orb, and the Duke of* Albemarle *bearing the Scepter with the Dove.*

Then the Kings Majesty, assisted by the Bishops of Durham *and* Bath, *under a Rich Canopy born likewise by sixteen Barons of the Cinque Ports, His Majesties Train born by four Earls Eldest Sons assisted by the Master of the Robes, followed by the Duke of* Northumberland, *Captain of the Horse Guard, (in waiting) between the Earl of* Huntington *Captain of the Band of Gentlemen Pensioners, and the Vicount* Grandison *Captain of the Yeoman of the Guard; then the Lord* Churchil *Gentleman of the Bedchamber followed by Two Grooms of the Bed-Chamber, the Yeomen of the Guard, closing the Proceeding. The Serjeants of Arms went in two Classes before their Majesties, and the Gentlemen Pensioners on each side the Canopies. In this Manner, their Majesties, Arrayed in their Royal Robes Furred with Ermins, the King with a Velvet Cap, and the Queen a Rich Circle of Gold on Her Head, All the Nobility in Robes of Crimson Velvet with their Caps and Coronets in their Hands, and the rest who formed the proceeding, being Richly Habited, or wearing their proper and peculiar Robes, proceeded on foot upon Blew Cloth, spread from the Steps of the Throne in* Westminster-Hall *to the Steps of the Theatre in the Quire, of the Collegiate Church of St.* Peter Westminster, *the whole passage being Railed in and Guarded with His Majesties Horse and Foot Guards. Being entred the Church: and the Nobility and others all duly placed, their Majesties ascended the Theatre, and repaired to their Private Devotions on the East part thereof, and then seated themselves in their Chairs of State. Then followed the* Recognition; *and after an* Anthem *the King and Queen came to the Altar and made their first Oblation; and the Lords who carried the* Regalia, *presented them at the Altar to be there deposited.*

Then the Litany was sung by two Bishops, which ended, the Bishop of Ely *began the Sermon; After Sermon the King took the accustomed Oath; and* Veni Creator *being sung, and the King disrobed of his Mantle and Surcoat, he was Anointed and Invested with all the sacred habits in King* Edwards *Chair; and the Crown being put on just at three of the clock in the afternoon, all the people shouted, the Drums and Trumpets sounded, and the Guns in St.* James's *Park, and great Guns at the* Tower *were discharged, and all the Peers put on their Coronets.*

The King being Crowned, and having been farther Invested with the Ring and Scepters, He made His Second Oblation, and being again seated in King Edward's *Chair, He vouchsafed to Kiss the Arch Bishops and Bishops; and* Te Deum *being Sung, He Ascended the Throne, and being Inthronized, the Arch-Bishops and Bishops did their Homage and kissed the Kings cheek and and after them the Temporal Lords did also their Homage, and severally kissed the Kings cheek and touched his Crown; during which time the Treasurer of the Houshold threw about the Coronation Medals.*

Then followed the Coronation of the Queen, at which the Ladies likewise put on their Coronets, as the Lords had done before at the Kings; and Her Majesty having received into Her Hands the Scepter and Ivory Rod, was conducted to Her Royal Seat upon the Throne.

Thus their Majesties being Inthronized, after an Anthem was sung, the Arch-Bishop ending with the Benediction;